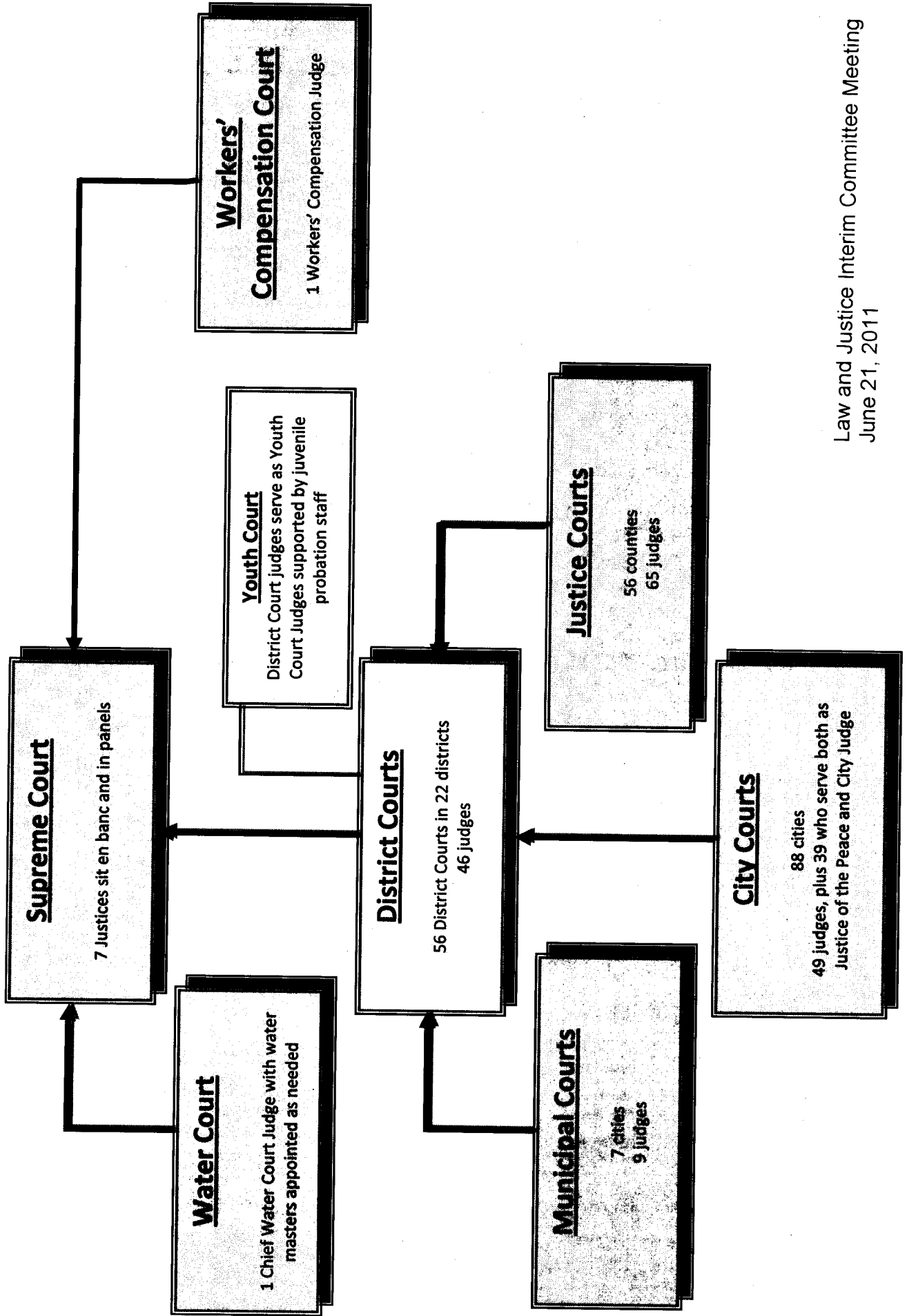


# MONTANA JUDICIARY



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Law and Justice Interim Committee Meeting  
June 21, 2011

Exhibit 15

# **MONTANA JUDICIAL BRANCH BASICS**

June 2011

## ☐ CY 2010 case filings

- Supreme Court: 650
- District Court: 48,056
- Courts of Limited Jurisdiction: 307,751

## ☐ 2013 biennium budget: \$76.6 million (all funds)

- Judicial Branch budget as percent of statewide budget: 2%
- Percent of Judicial Branch funding from general fund: 94%

## ☐ Funded through Judicial Branch budget:

- Supreme Court, including Office of Court Administrator
- Water Court
- Clerk of Supreme Court
- State Law Library
- District Courts, excluding courtroom/ office space and Clerks of District Court
- Courts of Limited Jurisdiction: judges' training and court technology support (case management system, computers, connectivity)

## ☐ Number of state-funded Judicial Branch FTEs: 412.58 (2013 biennium)

- Percent residing outside Helena: 78%
- Salary and benefits as percent of budget: 78%

## ☐ Youth Court – CY 2009

- 5,653 youth referred to Youth Court
- 81% of referrals handled informally by juvenile probation officers
- 87 youth (less than 2%) committed to Department of Corrections

## ☐ Performance measures

- Supreme Court – Bench & bar survey; employee survey; case flow measures
- District Courts – Courthouse survey and case flow measures under construction

## ☐ Important dates:

- July 1, 2002 -- State assumption of District Court expenses
- July 1, 2006 -- Public defender function transferred to Executive Branch